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Catch the Cure offers a day of family fun in Minden raising money for Angelman Syndrome research. See page 5

Haliburton gets frosty

Horse-drawn wagon rides, ice climbing, s'mores, snowshoe games and dogsled rides await at the annual Frost Fest in Haliburton. See page 3

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HHHS helping people heal through Grief Support Group

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

For many individuals, grieving the loss of a loved one can be a painfully lonely experience.

Starting this month, Haliburton Highlands Health Services is launching a pair of grief support groups designed to help people cope with this type of profound suffering.

HHHS's hospice co-ordinator Amanda Rowden said the groups will meet twice a month with the first session taking place on the first Wednesday of every month at the Minden hospital auditorium from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. The second session will be held in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton hospital on the second Wednesday of every month from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Rowden highlighted several ways that grief support groups can help people through challenging times.

"The loss of a loved one can leave you feeling isolated," explained Rowden.

"These groups are primarily peer-to-peer support. It is certainly helpful for someone who is struggling to not feel alone."

Grief support groups, like the ones facilitated by HHHS, offer participants emotional support in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

Rowden indicated that they also provide people with reassurance that they are not alone in their struggle, by connecting them with others who are also going through the healing process.

The groups will also teach participants coping skills, and help them to discover and create a new sense of feeling normal while honouring the past.

"My hope is that the community members will come together and share their stories, coping mechanisms and support to help each other through their grief journeys."

Rowden said the program is accessible to anyone who wishes to participate, since there is no charge for joining either of the groups.

Understanding that not everyone feels comfortable dealing with their grief in a group setting, Rowden said it is important for people to know that HHHS provides other types of support.

For instance, she said they offer one-on-one sessions with a social worker, and/or help connecting people with Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services. For more information about the grief support groups and the HHHS's resources and services, visit them online at www.hhhs.ca; or contact Amanda Rowden at 705-457-2941 ext. 2932; or by email: arowden@hhhs.ca.

A telemark skier takes a turn while going down a run at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride on Thursday, Feb. 8 in Eagle Lake. Conditions were ideal, which included blue skies and a solid base of snow, for all of the 14 runs open at the facility. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Haliburton gearing up for Frost Festival

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

In celebration of all things winter, the Municipality of Dysart et al is once again hosting its annual Frost Festival.

Taking place on Saturday, Feb. 17 in Haliburton's Head Lake Park, this year's event offers a wide variety of winter activities for people of all ages.

The Haliburton and District Lions Club will kick off the day by serving breakfast in the park starting at 10 a.m. Dysart's recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the full day of family fun will feature ice climbing with Base Camp 35; horse-drawn wagon rides; fat bike demonstrations; broomball and hot chocolate; dogsled rides; snowshoe games; pony rides; bannock and s'mores by the fire; art workshops and much more.

Year after year, Mueller is impressed to see how the community comes together to improve the event.

"The Frost Festival provides people with the opportunity to try something new and to get out and experience fun winter activities," said Mueller.

"There are many organizations and volunteers who devote a lot of time to make this festival fun for the family. This is a great way to get some fresh air and experience winter."

According to Mueller, there will also be a public skating oval, and a live demonstration provided by equine farrier Elli Nash.

For the fifth year in a row, she said the Lions Club will be raising funds for the Hospital for Sick Children's Garron Family Cancer Centre, and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation through its annual Polar Bear Challenge. Those wishing to join the fundraising campaign and brave the icy waters of Head Lake can register prior to the festival, or between 10 a.m. and noon on the day of the event. The plunge itself will take place at 1 p.m. in Haliburton's Head Lake Park.

"As always, the Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge is always fun to watch," Mueller said.

The Frost Festival will wrap up with a lasagna dinner to be served from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Room of the Haliburton United Church.

With so much going on throughout the day, Mueller said the event would not be possible without the many volunteers working hard to make it a success.

She said there are still several positions available for anyone interested in getting involved in the Frost Festival as a volunteer. Realizing that not everyone is available to spend the entire day helping at the festival, Mueller said people can volunteer anywhere from one hour to the whole day.

"We still have a variety of roles to be filled," she said.

"Some [volunteer positions available] include helping with the dogsled rides, parking duties and helping with the pony rides."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities; or share ideas regarding winter activities that could be included in next year's festival contact Dysart's recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 ext.35. For a full schedule of events at the 2018 Frost Festival visit www.frostfestival.ca.

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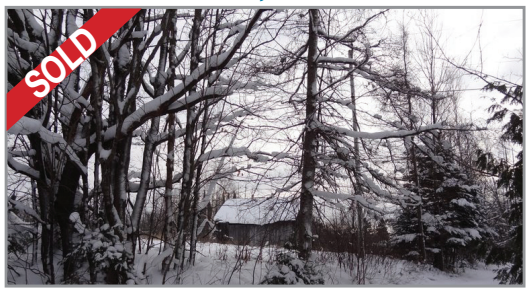

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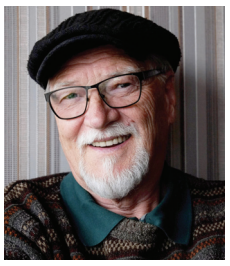
ON THE EVE of Jan. 27 I finally made it to a Homemade Stew concert, the annual celebration of local musicians presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, this fifth edition was dedicated to the talent, influence and memory of Johnny Burke, the beloved country singer who passed away on Sept. 21, 2017.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts

To say that this was a special show would be an understatement, and Burke himself would have appreciated the talent that the evening provided, and the outpouring of love from those performers who knew him. For instance, Ryan VanLieshout revealed that he owed a debt to Burke, who became a friend and taught him a few things. VanLieshout who sang a fine rendition of Burke's *Dixie Road*, and who has all the necessary nuances required for a country singer, revealed the fact that he was actually wearing a jacket that once belonged to Burke.

Mark Christiano, who closed the show, also talked about his family connections to Johnny Burke. The Christianos were apparently responsible in part for the Burkes moving to the Highlands. For a while the Burkes lived above Christiano's Hair Lounge in Carnarvon, while their own home was being built.

Christiano was not in top form because he wasn't feeling well, but he really wanted to be part of the tribute, and his song *Hello and Goodbye*, which he wrote, was a particularly appropriate song for the occasion.

The evening was divided into two sets. The first set opened with Falling From Stilts, a group consisting of singer/songwriter Albert Saxby, Brendan Burgess and Richard Joudrey. With *Give me Blood*, a song about a vampire, Saxby gave us fans what we've come to expect from his off-kilter sense of humour and engaging lyrics.

Dan Riley was next up with his electric guitar, and his instrumental rendition of *Georgia On My Mind*, was a tour de force, and just might have been the highlight of the evening for me. The Moontones, with Bethany Houghton, Kris Kadwell and Ian Pay followed, and in spite of a nagging cold, Houghton sang a fine version of the Irving Berlin classic, *Puttin' on the Ritz*.

Duo Prosecco consists of Laurel McCauley and Kim Quigley, but for this occasion they were accompanied by Shannon Neville, for fine renditions of a piece called *Requiem*, written by Eliza Gilkyson, and *I'm Just Me*, by Charlie Pride. Nick Russell and Rob Muir, both from that arts hotbed of Gelert, were next to perform, and they were superb, especially on a jazzy rendition of the standard *All of Me*.

Lunar Bloom, a trio of young women, consisting of Jocelyn Regina, Kelly McNamee and Brittany Robinson, closed the first set, and if you like sweet harmonies then these young women gave you what you wanted; and they are talented enough to make some headway commercially, down the line.

The second set opened with Nick Russell again, this time teaming with Benton Brown. Brown sang *Boshkung Blues* which he co-wrote with Russell, and then performed a great rendition of Gnarls Barkley's *Crazy*. Brown has a fine voice which he showed to full advantage, and his acting background showed through in a confident performance, which was brilliantly backed by Russell's guitar.

Up next was audience favourite Kate Hall, who was ably assisted by guitarist Andrew von Zuben. The duo's second number, *Moth into the Flame*, which Hall wrote, really showed off her vocal chops as well as her talent as a songwriter.

Then it was the turn of Karl and Terry Upton, and friends Bob Long and Ted Scholtes, with their version of *You Ain't Dolly, You Ain't Porter*, which was a favourite of the country fans in the sold out-audience. After them it was Jeff Barry, and friends Maggie Harris and Don Stiver, with great renditions of *You Comb Her Hair and Blackboard of my Heart*.

The previously mentioned Ryan VanLieshout and Mark Christiano were the two closing acts before the grand finale, which featured about a dozen of the evenings performers singing a heartfelt Burke song, *Wild Honey*.

The Folk Society seems to have this annual gig down pat, and the sound quality was spot on. Commendations are in order for all the volunteers, technicians, sponsors, promoters, and providers of intermission refreshments. And the evening was tied together seamlessly by Mike Jaycock, who does such a great job as a master of ceremonies.

Yes, it was my first Homemade Stew, but with such a tasty, varied mix of musical ingredients on offer, it surely won't be my last.

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Join Catch the Cure in Minden this Saturday

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

When Bethan McCutcheon is out in Minden with her two boys, Tecwyn and Tathan, they're greeted with smiles and friendly banter. Her kids are included at the park and welcomed in the grocery store.

Tecwyn and Tathan have Angelman Syndrome, a disorder that can affect motor and verbal skills and often includes seizures, problems with sleep and gastrointestinal issues.

McCutcheon's kids are two of three in the community with the disorder and she says that awareness raising over the years has led to acceptance.

"Because the town knows about my boys we are treated differently," she said in response to questions via email.

> *"From the start, our crazy idea of having a winter fair that was affordable to everyone was embraced by our family and friends."*
>
> — Bethan McCutcheon

"For instance, one time we went grocery shopping out of town and I was asked by a teller if my kids were from a group home. It was a really strange interaction. I'd never get that from our grocery store in town. Instead I'd hear 'Hi Tecwyn. Hi Tathan,'" she said.

Part of the awareness raising comes from an annual event called Catch the Cure, planned for Saturday, Feb. 17, an inclusive daylong event in Minden with a list of activities and prizes too long to list in a newspaper article. Among them, public skating, a hockey game, face painting, a community dinner, Kawartha Dairy sundaes, tobogganing, silent auction and a scavenger hunt through the businesses in town.

In its fifth year, the event raises money for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, which has received $65,000 through the event so far.

"From the start, our crazy idea of having a winter fair that was affordable to everyone was embraced by our family and friends," McCutcheon said. "People volunteering and kids making decorations, community businesses displaying posters in their windows and now businesses participating in a town scavenger hunt … it's such a team-inspired event."

Most activities are pay-what-you-can or by donation.

Catch the Cure is organized by McCutcheon and Sue Tiffin, whose daughter Harper also has Angelman Syndrome.

The name came during a brainstorming session about fundraising.

"We literally want to catch the cure," McCutcheon said. "We can see it ahead of us and we are running toward it, or skating in our case."

Aside from people in town knowing the names of Harper, Tecwyn and Tathan, over the years the knowledge of the syndrome has been building.

"I've heard my [Facebook] friends share stories about going to the local park and kids shunning their children and commenting in a hurtful manner about their drool," McCutcheon said. "And again, this is something we wouldn't experience in our town as the kids in the community know my boys and know they drool because of low tone and we are 'drool-friendly.' I think when you understand you see differently."

Fellow students have also learned that Angelman Syndrome means McCutcheon's boys communicate with tone and volume, rather than words. When they're excited, they raise their voices, which to some could be perceived as yelling.

She said it was encouraging that parents and kids asked questions and created a dialogue, which improved understanding.

"The kids in this town are the future community leaders, parents, therapists, researchers and this awareness and take-action initiative will shape them," she said.

Catch the Cure starts at 1 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre in Minden on Saturday, Feb. 17. To find out more, search Catch the Cure on Facebook.

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The Highland Grove Museum is creating a Book of Dogs to document area residents' faithful friends.

Ghost pines on winter pond./Jon Archibald, Minden. Do you have a photo of the Highlands to share? Send it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

10 Winter Olympic improvements

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Don't get me wrong. I'm enjoying the Winter Olympics. Having said that, I still think there is room for improvement. Here are a few:

1. Don Cherry colour commentary on figure skating events.
2. Hoops of fire. And I don't mean from the spicy Korean food.
3. Paintball biathlon.
4. Snowball fights.
5. Winter golf: I don't find golf particularly entertaining but I would enjoy watching players look for the golf balls on a snowy course.
6. Points for falls. There are lots of them, so why not give out points for the most spectacular?
7. Open Air Ice fishing: Points are awarded for those who can keep the ice from freezing over.
8. Figure Curling. In this event figure skaters would try to complete their routine while opposing curlers tried to take them out.
9. Polar bear vault. Using polar bears to make pole vaulting far more exciting.
10. Freestyle luging: Participants are only required to wear slick footwear and a helmet.

A book of dogs

JOHN JAMIESON
Special to *County Life*

As the Highland Grove genealogists sort through photographs of the past, occasionally a dog appears at the back of a scene. The researchers might forget the name of the dog, but it is usually met with "what a great dog."

Our museum knows that every person has a name and that name should appear in a genealogy. Every person needs recognition. Every person is important. Perhaps this should extend to dogs?

When a number of visitors to the museum were presented with a whimsical possibility of making a book recognizing area dogs, it was well received. But every simple project quickly expands. What about seasonal visitors? They have dogs. And what about dogs that have died but photographs exist? And what about dogs of Haliburton Village, and Gooderham and Cardiff, etc. And, can the book include grandchildren with the dog?

Great ideas. Our museum likes to work on projects with the "50 year rule." We do projects that will be important 50 years from now. Thus, a photograph of a dog might include name of the dog and owner, perhaps location, maybe the breed, date and other information.

In the year 2068 two indices will be viewed in *The Book of Dogs*. Both alphabetized with the name of the dog and the other the owner. Imagine the joy when "their best friend," long passed away, is found in a hard covered book.

Few books reach out to a wide range of interested people, but dog owners are a special group. Probably most of them have a photograph and story to tell. Our museum is reaching out to dog owners we may never meet, but their dogs will be seen and remembered.

Dog stories are fun. One resident dressed their black lab dog in a Batman costume on Halloween. At the first few houses the dog was met with Bat Dog! The dog put its tail between its legs with a lowered head. He could not understand why people were calling him Bad Dog! His night was over, as was the costume. But a photograph of Bat Dog can persist in our book.

The staff are reaching out for photographs and stories. You can forward material to joburr50@hotmail.com or johnjamieson11@hotmail.com. Dogs make great smiles.

John Jamieson is president of the Highland Grove Heritage Society.

Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

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Tammy Nash sent in these photos capturing the excitement of the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby held at Pinestone Resort on the weekend. The event featured ski-joring, kid and mutt races, dogsled races as well as a charity barbecue put on by the Lions Club.

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BESSIE SULLIVAN

BESSIE'S BOOKS AND OTHER THINGS

Backman has a humorous and empathetic style that really appeals to me. There is something about Ove; at first sight, he is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. The book opens with Ove having very little left to live for, and a new neighbour who takes out his mailbox with the moving truck. He is furious that even basic skills like backing up a truck seem to have been lost in our current culture of high tech. But as the story unfolds you realize that Ove has had his share of troubles, has loved deeply and loyally, and is certainly capable of loving again.

In *My Grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry*, the main character is a precocious seven-year-old named Elsa. Her grandmother is 77 years old and eccentric. She is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's instructions lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and old crones – but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

A character from *My Grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry* is Britt-Marie. She is a compelling person and I was delighted to discover that she has a book of her own. For as long as anyone can remember, Britt-Marie has been an acquired taste. It's not that she's judgemental, or fussy, or difficult – she just expects things to be done in a certain way. So when Britt-Marie finds herself unemployed, separated from her husband of 20 years, left to fend for herself in the miserable provincial backwater that is Borg, and somehow tasked with running the local football team, she is a little unprepared. In the book Britt-Marie was here, she will learn that life may have more to offer her that she's ever realized.

Backman's most recent novel is called *Beartown* and could be about any small town anywhere in the world. Beartown's industry is dying, they are losing their young people to bigger and better places, and they pin all their dreams on a junior hockey team to save them and their town. *Beartown* explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain.

Some of the themes that prevail in all of Backman's writing are love and loss, friendship and loyalty, kindness and empathy. Individuality of character is also a strong theme, and the right to be different. These books are not sanitized, lots of bad things happen in all of them, but how the people in each situation handle the crisis is what make them unique and lovable.

Looking back at my reading log from 2017, I realized I read these four novels in the first half of the year. It is unusual for me to dedicate so much attention to one writer in such a short time span. The fact that I did is a testament of how much I liked all of these books.

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Summer job opportunities available in Dorset

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Is this crazy winter getting you down? Maybe you're thinking about summer already? Algonquin Highlands is currently hiring a tower co-ordinator for the 2018 season. The job is full time and runs from May 1 to approximately Nov. 18. The township is also hiring a day camp leader, day camp assistant and Dorset Tower Attendants. If you think you might be the person for any of these jobs, check out algonquinhighlands.ca to learn how to apply.

The snow we've received recently is a good sign for the 2018 Deep Freeze Winter Campout. That event is taking place on Snowball weekend and the group is halfway to their goal of $20,000. We still need some more snow but the forecast is looking positive.

Snowball buttons are available at businesses throughout Dorset for $3 each and brochures will be out this week! Check your mailboxes or local establishments to get your brochure and see all the fun stuff planned for the Family Day weekend. The event kicks off on Friday night with the Family Skating Party (hot chocolate and hot dogs will be available) and ends on Saturday night with Hockey Night In Dorset (weather permitting). To participate in the hockey game you must be 18 years or older and full equipment is required. No advanced sign-up is required, just show up. For more information, photos from previous years and a list of activities, visit dorsetsnowball.com.

Happy birthday to Gino Ballestrin, Gail Hope, Esther Fortney, Sky Boughen, Kyle Jones, Jordyn Nash and Sarina McKey. Happy anniversary to Chris and Sandy Davis. For birthdays and submissions, please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

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Upcoming Events

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic, Wednesday
When: Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW)
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 15
WHERE: Haliburton School of Art and Design, Fleming College, Great Hall
TIME: 1:30-2:30 pm. OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Afterward, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speakers (CFUW business meeting to follow).
TOPIC: Bringing a Syrian Refugee Family to Canada
From the beginning stages of a television newscast and a call for interest, to the arrival of a refugee family, two members of the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee will share the process of bringing a family to Canada. The presentation will describe the months of planning, the on the ground work and the many people and organizations involved in this life altering experience.
WHO: Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion
Initiated by St. George's Anglican church, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee was formed to raise funds to support a refugee family to come to Haliburton. Believing that the Haliburton community could do anything it put its mind to, Chris and Sean felt great pride as they chose to help the international cause and bring a family to safety.
COST: FREE. Donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Bursary Fund would, however, be welcome.

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge
An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
When: Saturday, Feb. 17
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & Event starts at 1 p.m.
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031
All proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Children's Garron Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Haliburton Legion presents Stockdale Central in the Clubroom
When: Saturday, Feb. 17 , 4 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm. Enjoy delicious meal for $6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary

Maker Hub days with Community of Making Animator
When: Feb. 22, March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.
HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.
Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required.

Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival
When: Feb 23 and 24
Where: Pinestone Resort
Tickets: Weekend Pass $75; Friday $35; All Day Saturday $45; Saturday Night $30
Highlands Trio (country & "down east" tunes) & Celtic Jam will be performing Friday Night along with bluegrass bands Concession 23, Maple Hill, Sweetgrass, & Switchback Road. Saturday Program is "Pure Bluegrass" with Concession 23, Maple Hill, Hard Ryde Sweetgrass, Switchback Road and Old Tradition.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.
Contact: Lynda at 705-447-2348 or email bluegrassinthehighlands@gmail.com

TLDSB Parent Forums
When: Feb. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. at the high school.
All parents/guardians with students attending schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board are invited to attend open forum discussions with Director of Education, Larry Hope. Your feedback can help determine next steps in planning for the 2018-2019 school year. 2018 Parents are asked to complete a quick registration form at http://bit.ly/parentforums

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats, $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Spaghetti dinner 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday Ken McFarlane Lake Trout Derby. $15/person. 1 fish per entry. Tickets available at the legion before close Feb. 16 or the bait shop until Feb. 17 before 10 a.m.
Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Sunday Youth league tea 1 - 4 p.m.
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
We would like to look into getting a grant to rebuild the kitchen. Need people who would like to be a part of the process. Please contact the legion if interested. 705-448-2221.
Travelling this winter get your travel insurance through your membership.

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start,
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are $2 per draw.
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Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
Occasional volunteers are needed.
Live entertainment featuring Stockdale Central Saturday Feb. 17 4 to 7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. $5 cover charge for non members. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

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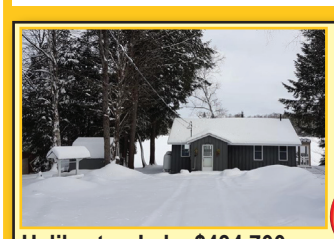

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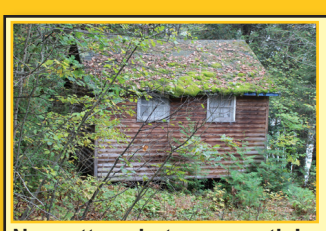
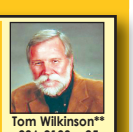
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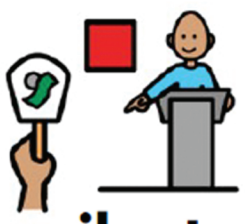

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Visit as many of the following downtown spots as you can on Feb. 17 for a stamp. Then, bring this page to the Catch the Cure event, and choose a prize (while supplies last). We're grateful to the many individuals, businesses and organizations that volunteer, donate prizes and offer support to help make this event happen!

Scavenger Hunt

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Another stellar year for Todd's Bonspiel

On Feb. 2, 3, and 4, 24 teams, 96 curlers and ten visiting curling clubs came together with members of the Haliburton club to participate in the annual Todd's Independent mixed bonspiel. Clubs being represented were Oshawa, York Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Highland London, Milton, The Royals, High Park, Bradford, Trenton/St. George's, Hamilton Victoria and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food! Many thanks to the following sponsors: Todd's Independent, Phyllis Woodcock, a lifetime member of the club, Superior Propane, Minden Subaru and Re/Max North Country Reality Inc.

The final game of the A Event was very exciting to watch. The team from York skipped by Mark Buhlman, vice, Samantha Fuller, second, Andrew Fuller, and lead, Erika Buhlman took the trophy. Runners up were from Oshawa skipped by Jim Thedorf, vice, Patricia Thedorf, second, Rick Rosnak and lead, Sharon Rosnak. The third place team of the A event was skipped by Lynn Williamson and his team from Bradford.

Another great game was between York and Oshawa for the B event trophy. The York team skipped by Dan Cleutinx, vice, Sharon Cleutinx, second, Steve Bilsland and lead, Denise Bilsland took home the trophy. Runners up were the Oshawa team of Derek Ferlatte, skip, Kristy Seminsky, vice, Mike Millar, second and lead, Carly. Third place in the B event was the team from Victoria/Hamilton/Haliburton

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Winning team in the A event sponsored by Todd's Independent from York Curling Club. From left, second, Andrew Fuller, vice, Samantha Fuller, lead, Erika Buhlman and skip, Mark Buhlman.

Winning team in the B event sponsored by Phyllis Woodcock and Superior Propane from the York Curling Club (left to right) skip, Dan Cleutinx, vice, Sharon Cleutinx, lead, Denise Bilsland, second, Steve Bilsland.

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The winning team in the C event sponsored by Minden Subaru from The Royals Curling Club (left to right) lead, Paige Maclean, vice, Rob MacKay, skip, Laura MacKay, lead, Don Maclean.

The winning team in the D event sponsored by Re/Max Country Realty Inc. from the York Curling Club (left to right) second, Frank Coschi, lead, Nancy Coschi, vice, Sharon Cain, skip, Darrell Cain.

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skipped by Rick Ashall.

Winning team of the C event was a team from The Royals skipped by Laura MacKay, vice, Rob MacKay, second, Paige MacLean, and lead, Don MacLean. Runners up were from Oshawa Curling Club skipped by Andi Kelsey, vice, Brian Rutherford, second, Terry Rutherford and lead, Doug Browning. Third place in the C event was the team from Oshawa skipped by Jeff Barry.

Winning team of the D event was skipped by Darrell Cain, vice, Sharon Cain, second Frank Coschi and lead, Nancy Coschi from the York curling club. Runner up was a team from Richmond Hill skipped by Michael Tambosso, vice, Marlee Tolhurst, second, Ron Tolhurst and lead Mary Tambosso. Third place in the D event was the team from Haliburton skipped by Lynn Bartlett, vice, Dave Ablett, second, Dianne Whitmarsh and lead, Chris Marsh.

Bonspiel convenor, Mary Hillaby and her team of Sue Mason, Glenn Scott, Wendy Hewson want to thank and recognize the sponsors Todd's Independent Grocers, Phyllis Woodcock, Superior Propane, Minden Subaru and Re/Max Country Reality Inc. Local businesses and individuals graciously contributed items (Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC, Cheryl and John Smillie, Sir Sam's Inn and Ski Hill, Haliburton TIM-BR-MART, V&S Haliburton, Country Pickin's, Head's Up Hairstylists, Andy Paterson (Markham Mower), The Wine Store Minden, Laurie Hillaby, The Pump Shop, Konzelmann Estate Winery, Moosehead, Fielding Wines, Marty's Health Food Store, Cindy and Earl Cox, Halco Electronics, McKeck's Tap and Grill, Eagle Lake Store, Jan Ashall, Boshkung Brewing Co., April Martin, Abbey Gardens, Master's Book Store and Cranberry Cottage) for their generous donations. Efforts from amazing kitchen helpers and many members of the Day Ladies league who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the spiel's success.

All teams commented on the terrific ice surface that was maintained by ice technician, John Watson and his team of Ron Draper, Mitch Stephen and Dave Moss.

Congratulations to everyone and many teams told Mary they would be back next year!

The Municipality of Dysart et al and the organizers of the Hardwater Festival would like to thank you for taking the time to make the Hardwater Festival a success. Thank you for your sponsorships, time and dedication to this event.

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Author draws inspiration from grandkids

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

The idea for Marie Gage's first children's book came from watching her grandchild, Blake, and his love of monkeys.

After retiring in 2009, the Minden Hills resident decided she'd like to focus on developing as a creative writer and over the years has been working on her craft with local writers' groups.

During Christmas of 2016, the idea for her first book came to her: "why wouldn't I write a special story for each of the grandchildren making it not just about that child, but something all children would enjoy."

Her book, now in print, is called *Blake's Monkey Adventure*.

"He's a very observant child that really likes to figure things out and so at the end of the book, he kind of figures out something that his parents are surprised by," Gage says.

The book is based on her five-year-old grandson, but its themes are universal.

"The benefit of being patient is a little bit of an underlying theme. The need to keep your promises is talked about in the book. There are underlying lessons for the kids. It allows them to use their imagination a bit," she says.

Gage's intention is to write a book about each of her grandkids. She has the second book complete, a story about her grandson Luke, who is turning four.

On Christmas Eve, she presented copies of the books and stuffed animals to the kids before anyone else had seen them. It was a special moment, but one that was hard to keep under wraps.

"I called it the worst-kept secret in Haliburton County," Gage says.

"I didn't want my adult children … and grandchildren to know, but because I was sharing my story with my writing group … soon it became a bigger and bigger circle who knew about the Christmas surprise."

Gage is an active member of the Reading-Writing Connection and the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle and says she finds the support those groups provide essential to developing as a writer.

"If you don't write, you don't learn how to write," she says. "It gives you a group to read a story to so you can figure out what changes need to be made."

In her professional life as an occupational therapist, Gage wrote academic works, but that style of writing wasn't suiting her desire to be more creative.

"I always thought I didn't have an imagination. I just dealt with facts all the time. I've learned the imagination comes from reality," she says.

The first line of the book came to her one day.

"That first line, 'Blake was bored,' kept playing like a broken record in my head until some of the other pieces started to fall into place. Then I'd start writing and the next piece would fall into place," she says.

Once the story was complete, she asked her sister, Audrey Ramsay, to do the illustrations and the design work was done by Linda Middleton.

Marie Gage and her husband Don moved to the Highlands from London, Ont., in 1996 after buying Willow Beach Cottages. The couple also ran Made In Haliburton, the online art store for a few years.

Gage says the arts community has been a big support for her in pursuing a new avenue in life.

"It's interesting to stretch your competencies in retirement and strive for something that is different from what you've always done," she says. "There's a very supportive community of writers here."

Buying locally written books helps the area's economy, she points out.

"Buying from a local author supports the local community in much the same way as the 'shop local' campaigns work to help the local economy thrive," Gage wrote in an email following her interview.

Blake's Monkey Adventure is $12 and is available at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton and V&S in Minden. You can also purchase copies online by visiting the "Author Marie Gage" page on Facebook and clicking the "buy now" button.

There will be a book launch at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Saturday, March 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. You can buy a book, have it signed and enjoy a reading at 3 p.m.

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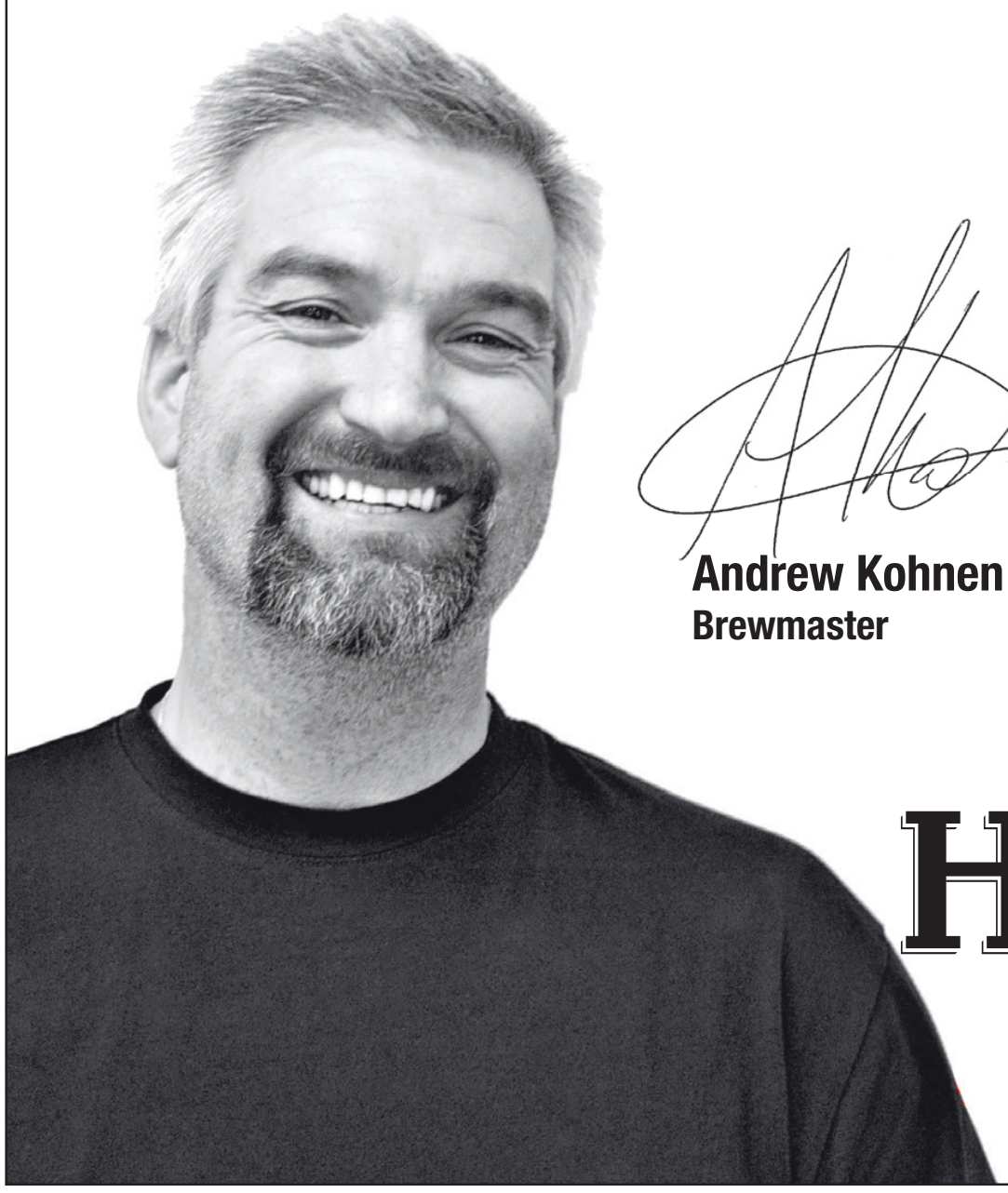

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Lions pledge $100,000

by Russ Duhaime

The Minden Lions Club has made an ambitious commitment towards the construction of a new Hospital in Minden.

The club voted unanimously last week to launch a campaign to raise $100,000 towards the construction of a new hospital to be located adjacent to Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home.

Lion President Daryl Moore and project chairman Maurice Boyd announced this pledge to County Warden Jim McMahon last Thursday.

McMahon said it is this sort of community spirit that will ensure this county will continue to have the health care facilities it needs.

County Council recently pledged to borrow whatever money is necessary to fulfil the local fundraising requirement to access the Ministry of Health funds for this $10-million project.

The project calls for improvements and expansions to the acute- and long-term-care facilities in this county. Although the county is willing to debenture the local cost of the project, fundraising continues to be the priority. McMahon said the Lions' pledge demonstrates that this community is determined to see this project is completed.

To make good on this pledge, the Lions have formed a seven-man committee, which will focus solely on achieveing the goal. Boyd said the money raised for this project is over and above what the club provides for its various other community endeavors.

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Board sticks with plan to postpone JK

by Jerry Grozelle

The Haliburton County Board of Education is going ahead with its application to delay the implementation of Junior Kindergarten.

The board endorsed a recommendation from its Education Committee to ask the Ministry of Education for an extension until September of 1996.

The committee held a special meeting at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on January 24 to decide whether to go with its original proposal or to make changes in light of a recent ministry memorandum. The memorandum stated that the deadline for implementation of a JK program is September of this year and that the school board would be granted a temporary exemption "only in the most unusual of circumstances."

Originally, the committee had planned to apply for a temporary postponement of the JK implementation until 1996, citing a lack of funds and the fact that it would be inequitable to implement the JK program in some areas and not to provide the service in others.

None of the committee members commented in favour of a JK program in Haliburton County. Their reasons for opposing it were many and varied.

One committee member suggested inviting ministry officials to come up here to ride the buses for a day this winter and then ask them if they would want their three- or four-year-olds riding the buses for as much as two to three hours a day.

The idea of providing JK in some areas and not in others doesn't sit well with the committee either. One member commented that the government is pushing equity, yet implementing a program that can't be immediately provided in all parts of the county.

Another contradiction expressed is the fact that the government is cutting many services through the social contract while expecting the county to embrace this largely unwanted JK program.

In this depressed economy, the implementation of a JK program could mean some day care facilities may be forced to close, putting people out of work.

The school board seems to be living in constant fear of the ministry, according to one committee member, who questioned: "What happens if we just say no (to a JK program in Haliburton County)? Will they throw us all in jail for 25 years? What is the penalty?"

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Carnival Royalty

Surrounded by her court, Susan Carr, second from left, enjoys her moment in the spotlight after being crowned Winter Carnival Queen Saturday evening. The coronation was delayed one day by freezing rain, which also played havoc with other Friday night events. Joining the Susan are, second runner-up Sarah Ladurantaye, second from right, and Princesses Michelle Gartshore, left, and Dawn Gartshore, right.

Winter Carnival spirit is alive and well

In a sense, this was the first Minden Winter Carnival, all over again.

Although the event has been running for more than three decades, it was a first for the new group of organizers. And after months of planning and preparation, the organizing committee was served up a generous helping of nature's unpredictability.

Undaunted, though, by the worst downpour of freezing rain in recent memory, the organizers salvaged what they could and pulled off a tremendous carnival in the bargain.

The freezing rain that stranded motorists throughout the region Friday also spoiled Friday's carnival events. The torchlight parade and bonfire

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Residential (Off Water)	$219,091	$238,040	+8.64%
Waterfront (Homes/Cottages)	$431,640	$515,309	+19.38%
		Number Of Sales	
Residential (Off Water)	227	194	-14.5%
Waterfront (Homes/Cottages)	446	392	-12.1%

Statistics Obtained From The Lakelands Real Estate Board For 2016 -2017 Data.

Market Outlook

The Canadian Real Estate Association predicts that with the new mortgage rules and further interest rate increases, sales will fall nationally by 5.3% and average sales prices will drop by 2.2% in Ontario over the course of 2018. With tightened mortgage rules, reduced sales activity in all markets is forecast.

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